

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing an airtight vessel, comprising the steps of:

- a) fabricating an airtight vessel connected to an evacuation tube;
 - b) evacuating the inside of the airtight vessel through the evacuation tube;
 - c) activating a non-evaporable getter disposed in the airtight vessel by selective heating before baking the airtight vessel;
 - d) baking the entire airtight vessel and sealing the evacuation tube;
- and
- e) after baking the entire airtight vessel, reactivating the non-evaporable getter.

26. (Cancelled).